



Franciscan Flash April 10, 2020

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Welcome to the April 10th edition of our
Weekly Franciscan Flash!

Live Streaming Services

All are Welcome!

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We have four ways for you watch:

- 1) Select our NEW [St Francis Churchonline platform](#),
- 2) Follow our [Facebook Live stream](#),
- 3) Watch through our [Youtube channel](#), or
- 4) Watch directly on our [SFA webpage](#)

*From our homes, let us gather as one community of faith.
We invite you to join us for all our video broadcasting.*

Good Friday:

9:00 Morning Prayer

3:00 pm The Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:
9:00 Morning Prayer
8:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Easter Sunday:
9:30 am The Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Week at Home

For more details on
SFA Celebrating Holy Week at Home
including At Home Ideas and Worship Aids, please
[CLICK](#)
[#HolyWeekAtHome.](#)

To understand more about
Spiritual Communion
in these days of COVID-19,
please view this message from Fr. Jim Sabak:
[Click Here to View.](#)

Virtual Retreats

Liturgy Training Publications
is offering a variety of FREE virtual retreats for Holy Week and Easter. Enjoy!

Good Friday Virtual Retreat: Friday, April 10th, 4:00 pm - [Click for Details](#)
Easter Vigil 1 Virtual Retreat: Saturday, April 11th, 4:00 pm - [Click for Details](#)
Easter Vigil 2 Virtual Retreat: Saturday, April 11th, 8:30 pm - [Click for Details](#)
Easter Sunday Virtual Retreat: Sunday, April 12th, 4:00 pm - [Click for Details](#)
For a complete listing of events, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Daily Video Broadcasts

Every morning, [The Franciscan School](#) is continuing to post “**TFS Morning Prayer**” and can be located [here](#) for all to enjoy.

Every day, we are posting a video with a **"Daily Friar Reflection"** to our [SFA website](#) and our [SFA Facebook page](#).

Each noon, we are live streaming to our [SFA Facebook page](#). **"Lunch Break with Mr. Jim"** which is meant the youngest members of community.

Each evening, we are live streaming to our [SFA Facebook page](#): **"Virtual Evening Prayer."**

"Stay-at-Home" Caring & Serving

In these days of COVID-19, we are coming together as a community to support our community. We are connecting opportunities to serve our community with those who need to receive help from our community, please visit our [SFA help webpage](#) for more information.

For those of you wanting to offer care to members of our parish through prayer, grocery and pharmacy shopping/delivery, caring calls, etc. If you'd like to send or receive cards to/from fellow parishioners and establish a connection with other folks who are sheltering in place, or if you have kids who would love to send their artwork to brighten someone's day or if you'd like to receive some artwork, please visit our [SFA help webpage](#).

On this same [SFA help webpage](#), you will find an updated list of opportunities through local partner agencies/ministries (like Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, NC Food Bank, Brown Bag Ministry, Catholic Parish Outreach, etc.). Our partner at the NC Food Bank said that they are seeing up to 50% increase in need of emergency food. Oak City Cares is also in need of donations for food supplies. They have set up an Amazon wish list and are also taking monetary donations. Please go to their website for information. The Inter-faith Food Shuttle is also in need of donations of food supplies. You can go to their website to find out their needs and instructions for donations/drop off. They suggested a neighborhood donation drive would be a great thing to organize from your own home and fun too!

Online Parish Support

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Did You Know about all the parish activity that is still taking place even though our campus *in-person* gatherings has been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak? The ministries of the Parish are still active in the community and continue to depend upon your financial support.

Ministries continue to meet and gather via conference calls, meals continue to be prepared and delivered to those in need, schools and faith formation continue via virtual classrooms and home assignments, Sunday mass is being conducted and being streamed for your participation along with several new daily services, and we continue to provide support to many of the service agencies throughout the triangle. Our Friars continue to provide spiritual guidance and daily reflections through virtual avenues.

As always, we thank you for your continued financial support of the parish and our work in the community. Our ongoing financial health depends very much on the ongoing support of the people of the parish, and so, once again, thank you!

You can mail your contribution to us at:

St Francis Of Assisi
11401 Leesville Road
Raleigh, NC 27613

You can Online Give through:

[Faith Direct](#)

[Online Banking](#)

[Text-to-Give: 919-629-1199](#)

Digital Faith Formation

Our [K-12 Faith Formation](#) programs have gone digital. We invite you to visit our new [Formation Resources web page](#)! Visit for links to virtual resources for people of all ages. Take a virtual tour of the Vatican, join us for daily events, learn how to pray the rosary, and connect to virtual resources and programming for our preschool, elementary, middle and high school parishioners. Be sure to watch them on their [facebook](#) page as well.

2020-2022 Sacramental Preparation Registration
NOW ONLINE

First Communion

Parents with children who are in Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year (or who are currently in 1st Grade and have not previously attended a meeting), MUST attend a now **online** Information/Registration meeting to learn about the preparation process, important dates, and their role in this special journey. The Online First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation meeting is for ALL parents including Cross Walk, Home School and The Franciscan School, who have children in Kindergarten or 1st grade. For more information, [Click here](#)

Confirmation

Prayerfully discerning celebrating Confirmation? Thinking about completing your Christian Initiation? Interested youth who are currently in 7th grade through high school (including TFS students) and at least one parent MUST attend a **NOW ONLINE** information/registration meeting. Confirmation preparation is a two year long journey, can start as early as 8th grade and will culminate with the celebration of Confirmation in the fall of 2022. For more information: [Click here](#)

Distance Learning

[The Franciscan School](#) is closed indefinitely until more direction comes from the Diocese of Raleigh Catholic Schools Office. Meanwhile, our teachers and students have been working through Distance Learning . The school will continue to update their [website](#) with any general information from the school and the continuation of our daily Morning Prayer found [here](#) for all to enjoy.

Our [St Francis Preschool](#) is also closed indefinitely. Our preschool teachers continue to develop and offer optional online resources to share with parents that include developmentally appropriate 'learning through play' activities. We are also including home activities for our preschools through our [preschool Facebook](#) page. All are welcome to follow.

Inbox Communications

Please make sure you are receiving this weekly communication with your current email address and by accepting these emails from our parish constant contact. Please follow this link to verify you will receive our emails. <http://bit.ly/SFAsignup>.

Our weekly bulletin will continue to be available on our [bulletin webpage](#) and emailed to you directly on Sunday mornings after mass.

Even though the parish offices are closed to visitors, you can contact [our parish staff](#) through email and you can reference the 'Contact Us' pages of the parish bulletin or look in the "Get Involved" tab of our parish [website](#) for all ministries contacts.

Through virtual communications, our faith community is keeping us connected as Catholics filled with hope and grace.

*At the end of each week, you will receive this email:
[Weekly Franciscan Flash newsletter](#) from the parish.*

*We hope you will stay connected through liturgy, prayer and formation, caring and serving with our community, ministries and schools. This correspondence will enable the growth of our faith together as
The Catholic Community of St Francis of Assisi.*

Stay Current and Connected

Stay current and connected by reading our weekly announcements.

[This Week and Beyond](#)



St. Francis of Assisi



Parish Facebook Page



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